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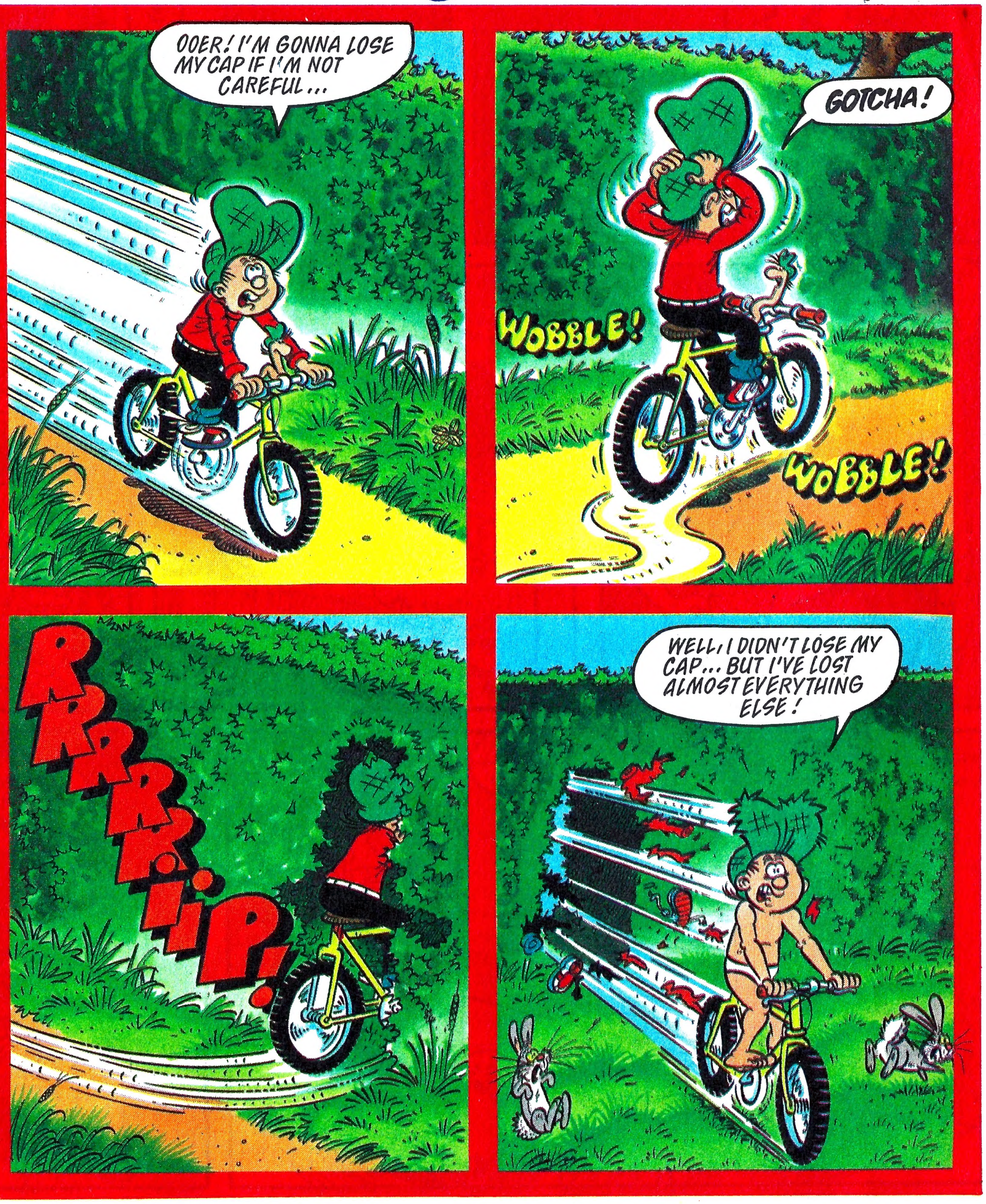
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RIK RAIDOON

LIFT

STAND BY FOR SOME FUN IN THE LIFT, FANS!

GOING UP!

ERK! GOING DOWN!

H- HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

GLICK!

HELP ME! IT'S DARK!

HELP ME, TOO!

T-TWO VOICES?! THIS LIFT'S H-HAUNTED!

BODY BUILDING

LEMME OUT! THIS IS MY FLOOR!

THAT'S OUR WEIGHT-TRAINING CLASS OVER!

LIFT

I'M A BIT LIKE THIS LIFT NOW...

...GOING DOWN! OOF!

BUSTERTOWN ROCK

TOM THUG'S SKOOL 'OLIDAYS

CRUNCH!

YO! A FAIR'S IN TOWN! I'LL 'AVE SOME FUN IN 'ERE!

GHOST TRA

FIRST FINGS FIRST! I'M 'UNGRY!

MOBILE CHIPPIE

CHIPS · BEANS · CUSTARD

OI! STOP SHOVING, SPONGE-BRAIN!

GIMME A BAG OF HALF-COOKED CHIPS, TOO SALTY, AN' DRIPPIN' WIV GREASE!

I DON'T SELL FOOD LIKE THAT!

THAT'S FUNNY, YOU DID LAST TIME I WUZ `ERE! HUR-HUR!

CLEAR OFF, YOU CHEEKY PEST!

LOB!

HUR-HUR! A FREE SAVELOY SAUSAGE! WORKS EVERY TIME!

TEST YOUR STRENGTH

HULK

RAMBO

TOUGH

WIMP

WHAM!

I'LL 'AVE A GO AT THAT AN' IMPRESS THAT CHICK!

WATCH ME WIN A PRIZE, BABE!

COCONUT SHY

PICK!

SLIP!

OOER! ME 'ANDS ARE GREASY FROM THAT SAVELOY!

HOT DOG

LEW STRINGER

WHEEE

WHEEE

WHEEE

THUD!

TRIPLE OOFYA!

CLONK!

CLONK! CLONK!

COO! YOU'VE WON THREE COCONUTS WITH-OUT EVEN HITTING THE TARGET!

WANT A PIECE, TOM?

NO FANKS! I'VE 'AD ENUFF COCONUTS FER ONE DAY! GROAN! IT AIN'T **FAIR!**

SCHOOL BELLE

ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE TO DO ON THIS "ADVENTURE HOLIDAY" OF MINE . . . IS A TEN MILE HIKE! **WELL**, I DID **FIVE** MILES—THEN I MET THESE HUNKY BOYS, AND THEY'RE HELPING ME DO THE LAST **FIVE** MILES!

'BYE, BELLE . . . DON'T FORGET YOUR PROMISE TO COME TO OUR DANCE THIS AFTERNOON!

ADVENTURE HOLIDAYS

I'LL BE THERE, LADS—DESPITE MY ACHING FEET!

I'M GIVING MY TOOTSIES A GOOD SOAK—**THEN** MY FEET WILL BE FIT FOR DANCING!

TALC

SIZZLE!

AH! I CAN HEAR THE DISCO!

OOH! THEY'RE FIGHTING! THEY MUST BE ARGUING ABOUT WHO SHOULD DANCE WITH ME FIRST!

WHACK! THWACK! CLUNK! THWACK!

THWACK!

HI, BELLE! WE'VE JUST STARTED!

THWACK!

JINGLE! JINGLE! JINGLE!

IT'S NOT A FIGHT! IT'S NOT EVEN A **DISCO**— IT'S A **MORRIS DANCE!**

STOP! YOU'RE IMPROPERLY DRESSED, LAD! YOU HAVE ONLY **FIVE** BELLS ON YOUR RIGHT LEG—YOU SHOULD HAVE **SIX!**

KNOW YOUR NURKS Nº170
WEASLE WIDGET CAME BOTTOM OF THE CLASS IN CHEMISTRY

LATER . . .

OOH, MY POOR TOOTSIES—HE TROD ALL OVER THEM WITH HIS GREAT BIG **CLOG!**

SIZZLE!

SORRY, O GREAT HORNHEAD! BELLE—COME HERE, QUICK!

THERE, O GREAT HORN-HEAD! NOW I HAVE A SIXTH '**BELLE**' ON MY LEG!

THWACK!

JINGLE!

MELVYN'S MIRROR

TODAY, WE'RE GOING OUT ON A NATURE STUDY TRIP!

HOORAY!

SOON...

IT'S AMAZING TO THINK THAT THOSE TADPOLES AND CATERPILLARS TURN INTO FROGS AND BUTTERFLIES!

LATER...

I WONDER WHAT THEY TURN INTO IN MIRRORLAND?

IT'S AMAZING TO THINK THAT THOSE FROGS AND BUTTERFLIES TURN INTO TADPOLES AND CATERPILLARS!

AHA!

WHEN DOES THE CHANGE HAPPEN?

ANY MINUTE NOW! WE'D BETTER GO!

GO? NOT LIKELY! I WANT TO SEE THIS!

COO! THIS MUST BE IT!

POP! PLOP! POP!

AAAGH! NOBODY TOLD ME THAT THEY'D GROW HUGE INSTEAD OF SMALL!

THIS IS MIRRORLAND, REMEMBER!

SHLUP!

SHLOP!

BACK HOME...

MADE IT... JUST!

TERRY BAVE

NEXT DAY...

SCHOOL

NO! KEEP THAT BUTTERFLY AWAY FROM ME! HELP!

LITTLE BOBBY HAD SIX CANDLES ON HIS CAKE.....

BUT HE JUST COULDN'T BLOW THEM OUT.....

"LET US HELP" HIS FRIENDS ALL CRIED, IN ONE BIG MIGHTY SHOUT.....

SO EVERYONE BLEW— AND WITH A RUSH OF AIR.....

BLOW!

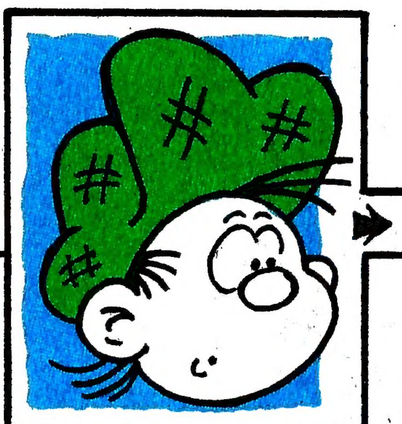
.....THEY ALL ENDED UP GETTING THEIR FAIR SHARE!!!

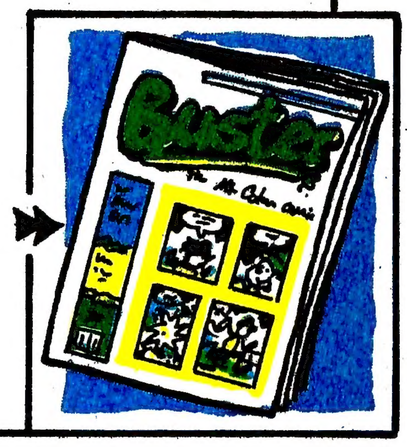
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X-RAY SPECS

GROAN! THIS IS DEAD BORING!

IT'LL BE HOURS BEFORE WE GET BACK TO HIGHWAY HOUSE!

THEY LOOK FED-UP!

I KNOW WHERE HIGHWAY HOUSE IS! I'LL FIND YOU A FEW SHORT-CUTS!

...WITH THE HELP OF MY X-RAY SPECS!

TRY THIS OLD PATH, FOR INSTANCE. YOU'LL CUT A FEW CORNERS HERE!

BUT...

WE CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER ALONG HERE... WE'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK!

HMM!

NIP THROUGH HERE! MR KIM WON'T MIND! I'M ONE OF HIS BEST CUSTOMERS!

A CHINESE RESTAURANT!?

CHINESE RESTAURANT

NICE CHANCE FOR A QUICK TAKE-AWAY, TOO!

KIM'S

THEN...

SMITH'S

TAJ MAHAL

WE'VE COME TO A DEAD STOP TRYING TO GET THROUGH THIS LOT!

DON'T WORRY...

...DOWN HERE!

KIM'S

THIS DISUSED TUNNEL WILL GET US PAST ALL THAT TRAFFIC!

RIGHT! BETTER GET BACK UP TOP AGAIN!

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EH? A DELIVERY LORRY??

HIGHWAY HOUSE

THIS WAY UP

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YES — AND IT'S GOING TO DELIVER YOU RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR!

BRILL!

SOON...

BRILLIANT! IT TOOK 15 MINUTES INSTEAD OF TWO HOURS!

HIGHWAY HOUSE

OI! YOU TWO! THIS WAY... NOW!

I THOUGHT SO — YOU HAVEN'T LOST A GRAMME!

WEIGHING ROOM

START AGAIN! AND THIS TIME DO IT **PROPERLY**! AND TAKE THAT INTERFERING KID WITH YOU!

HEY! HE'S GONE!

LUCKY I X-RAYED HIS THOUGHTS... I'M OFF HOME!

WELL, HOW WAS I TO KNOW HIGHWAY HOUSE HAD BEEN MADE INTO A **HEALTH FARM**?!

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SMELL! PONG!

ALBERT SCARE

SQUELCH!

SQUELCH!

HERE, PUSS! WHERE ARE YOU?

THERE'S NO PUSS HERE, MISSUS! WILL I DO?

EEK!

AAAGGGHHH!

MMM! THESE LITTLE ROUND THINGS ARE TASTY!

CRUNCH!

THEN...

ALBERT SCARE BEAUTY PARLOUR

TRY OUR SPECIAL MUD PACK BEAUTY TREATMENT.

BEFORE

AFTER

I CAN HAVE SOME FUN IN THERE!

DO HURRY UP WITH THAT MUD PACK FOR MY FACE!

CHANGE OF PLAN, MADAM! INSTEAD OF MUD WE HAVE MY SPECIAL COMPOST AND COWPAT MIXTURE!

GASP!

BETTER PUT PLENTY ON 'COS YOU'RE REALLY UGLY!

SPLUP!

SLOP!

SLAP!

THIS SCENE IS TOO HORRIBLE TO SHOW!

AAA-GGHHH

THAT NIGHT RUPERT AND HIS PARENTS HELD A DINNER PARTY...

THIS IS A NICE HOUSE!

YES, WE LIVE IN A VERY POSH AREA!

RRR-RRR!

I'LL GO! IT'S PROBABLY THE CATERER WITH THE CAVIAR AND SALMON PIZZAS I ORDERED!

YOU'RE WRONG – IT'S THE GATECRASHER – YOU DIDN'T ORDER!

AAAGGGHHH!

PONG!

MORE FIENDISH FUN WITH FESTERING FERGUS NEXT WEEK.

MAD MAC

I'VE JUST GIVEN MY BUGGY A COAT OF PAINT . . . WHAT'S THAT?

CRASH! CRASH!

WHAT KIND OF CAR'S HE GOT?

BUMP!

IT'S A DODGEM! THE ANCIENTS USED TO PLAY IN THEM!

ZOOM!

WHUMP!

YAHOO! CRASH! CRASH!

I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE! HE'S CRAZY!

AW, COME BACK AND CRASH INTO ME!

VOOM!

LATER . . .

GOOD! I'VE TRACKED HIM DOWN! NOW FOR ANOTHER BUMP!

CRASH! CRASH!

KERUNCH!

JUST AS WELL I'D SOME PAINT LEFT OVER, PLUS A BUGGY-SHAPED ROCK!

MY DODGEM! RUINED!

HEY, MAC'S NOT A BAD ARTIST!

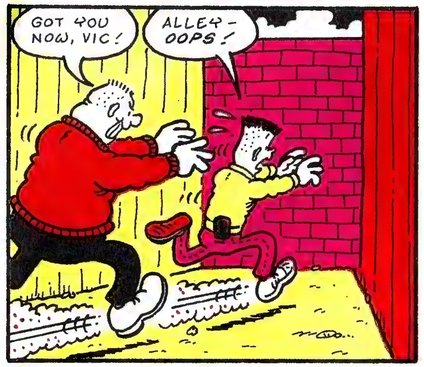
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PING!

CRACK!

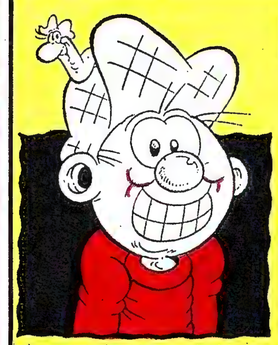
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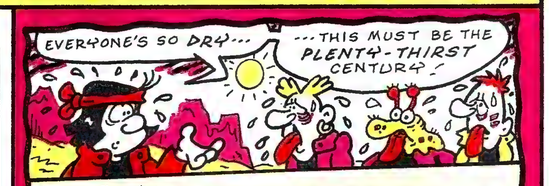
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Dear Buster,
I have been reading your comic for five years and have missed only one — unfortunately, that was the one in which Mad Mac began. What I'd like to know is what year or century does he live in?
-VIKKI GRAY, HITCHIN.
...According to the script writer, it's the 21st. Century.



Dear Buster,
I've got three questions to ask you:
1. How does Ricky Rainbow change colour?
2. Where did Chalky learn to draw?
3. Where did Ray get his X-ray specs?
-RUSSELL NOLAN, WHITEHILL.
...1. By blinking; 2. In his mum's "drawing" room; 3. In MONSTER FUN comic.



Dear Buster,
I have read The Beano, Dandy and Whizzer & Chips, but BUSTER is still the best. I get BUSTER every week and my whole family fights to read it first.
-CHAIM STEINBERG, SALFORD.
...You could always buy a copy EACH!!!

Buster's Birthday List

26 AUG - STEVE WRIGHT.
28 AUG - EMLYN HUGHES.
30 AUG - JOHN PEEL.
30 AUG - ANDREW WILES (age 11) from NEWICK.
31 AUG - ROY CASTLE.

Please fill in and send this coupon when you write to me.

The coolest pages in BUSTER are:

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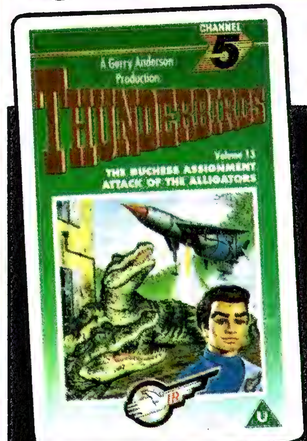
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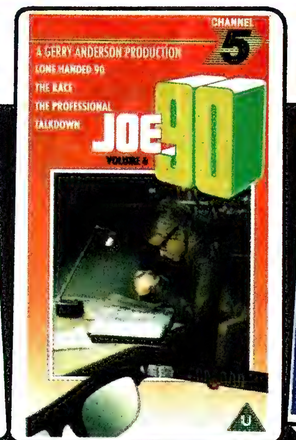
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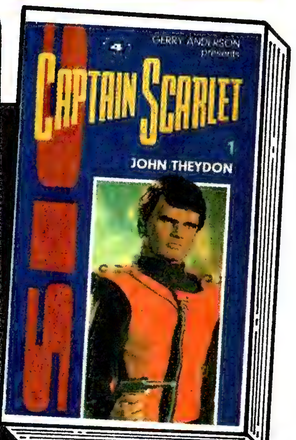


VIC'S VIDS FREEBIES!

It sure is a rad week for 'Freebies'. I've lined up three lots for you to try for. I've got 5 VHS copies of the latest 'Thunderbirds Volume 13' vid, and 5 VHS copies of the 'Joe 90 Volume 6' vid. Both videos are from 'Channel 5' - and are in the shops now. I've also got 5 copies of a great new paperback book called 'Captain Scarlet 1', which is the first in an exciting series based on the TV show. If you'd like any of these great give-aways simply write your name and address on a postcard, or the back of a stuck-down empty envelope, and send to either 'Thunderbirds Freebies', 'Joe 90 Freebies' or 'Captain Scarlet Freebies' - at the Buster address. First 5 out of each postbag after 10th September get the goodies.







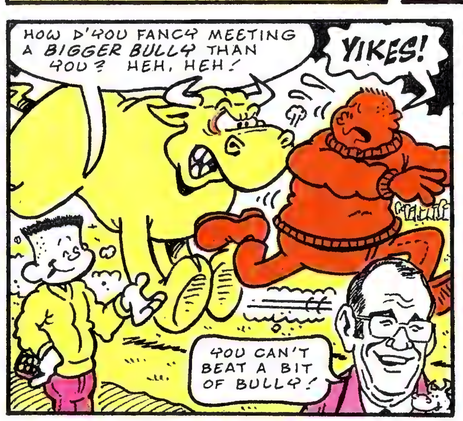
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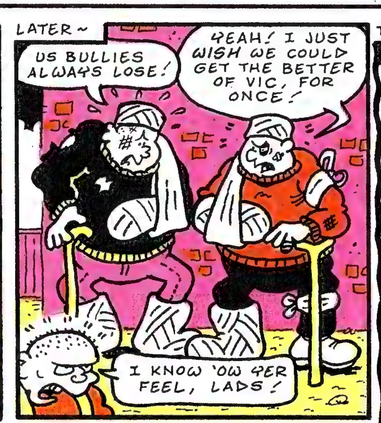
DIEGO MARADONA HAS GOT NOT ONE, BUT TWO FERRARI TESTAROSSAS - ONE RED AND ONE BLACK!

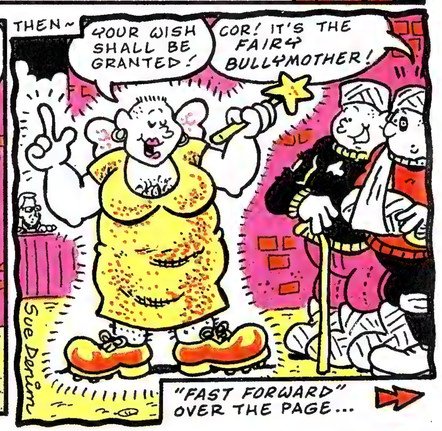












"FAST FORWARD" OVER THE PAGE...

HI! YOU'RE THE FAMOUS VIC, FROM BRILLIANT BUSTER COMIC, AREN'T YOU!?

COR! YEAH, THAT'S ME!

THUMP!

LET ME HAVE A GO WITH YOUR VIDEO BOX AND I'LL GIVE YOU A KISS!

D-D-DONE!

BUT~~

WHOOPS! I MUST HAVE PRESSED THE "FREEZE FRAME" BUTTON!

UH-OH! SORRY!

TOPPLE!

KICK!

YIKES! WHERE'S THE BRAKE ON THIS THING?

KERRASH!

WHAT DOES THIS BUTTON DO, VIC?

GROAN! THAT'S THE---

...EJECCCCCTTTTTT!

POOR VIC! I'M REALLY MAKING A MESS OF THIS, AREN'T I?

KERTHUNK!

IS THIS THE "FAST FORWARD" BUTTON?

YES, BUT DON'T PR----

...EEEAARRGH!

HERE COME MY BOYFRIENDS! I'LL HAVE TO GO, NOW.

KERSPLOSH!

SPLUTTER! Y-YOU TWO??

YEAH! THE FAIRY BULLYMOTHER HELPED US WIN FOR ONCE!

SEE YA, SUCKER!

Sue Denim

ADAM ADMAN

FABION GETS RID OF DIRT AND ODOURS OTHER POWDERS CAN'T!

FABION

THAT'S LUCKY... IF MUM SEES THIS SHE'LL GO BANANAS!

FAB

FABION

I HOPE THIS STUFF IS AS GOOD AS IT CLAIMS TO BE!

FABION

LATER...

NOW LET'S SEE IF IT'S NICE AND CLEAN...

SNIFF! SNIFF!

GAAAGH! IT SMELLS LIKE OUR DOG AFTER IT'S ROLLED IN A COWPAT!

TIP!

I MUST NEED MORE POWDER! BETTER HURRY... MUM WILL BE HOME SOON!

FABION

THIS HAS GOT TO WORK!

WHIR!

FABI

HOPE IT'S ALL RIGHT THIS TIME!

AAAGH! IT'S WORSE!!

B. GLENNARD

I HOPE YOU DIDN'T USE THIS... I PUT MY THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD CHINESE EGGS IN THE POWDER TO STOP THEM BREAKING! WHERE ARE THEY?

NOW HE TELLS ME!

SWOON!

THE CRAZIEST CHARACTERS ARE ALWAYS IN BUSTER COMIC!

Lucy Lastic

THE BEACH IS PACKED!

SEE IF YOU CAN FIND US A SPACE, LUCY!

JOSTLE! CRAM! SEETHE! HEAVE!

I'LL MAKE SPACE WITH MY PALM TREE IMPRESSION. SNIGGER!

WIGGLE! FLEX!

ZNOOP!

TADAAA♫

WHAT THE?

AIEEEE!

S'HORRIBLE!

LUCY!

TRAMPLE! STAMPEDE!

AND FOR MY NEXT TRICK...

SCRIBBLE! SCRAWL!

STRETCH!

YEEEK! AN OCTOPUS!

BARGE!

GAH!

WALLE!

KER-BLAAM!

PLENTY OF SPACE NOW, DAD!

BLITHER!

THEN...

GASP! I HAVEN'T THE ENERGY TO BLOW UP THE AIRBED!

LEAVE IT TO ME. I'VE STRETCHED MY LUNGS...

INHALE!

...FOR MEGA-BREATHS!

ERK! THAT'S ENOUGH!

BLAST! SWELL! PUFF! PUFF! WHEEZO! BULGE!

OOPS!

DECKCHAIRS FOR HIRE

YIPE!

CRASH!

I ER... DON'T SUPPOSE NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO ASK FOR AN ICE-CREAM!

TWITTER! BLABBER!

CLATTER! HOBBLE!

AW! BUY ME ONE, DAD! LOOK, MY TONGUE'S SWELLING UP IN THE HEAT!

CAN'T GET THIS OFF!

STAGGER

UH-OH!

TANGLE! TRIP!

AAAGGH! NNK!

WHIP!

MY DAD'S NOT FEELING WELL!

BEACH AID

WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE!

-TOM PATERSON- TA-TA!

DON'T WORRY, SIR! HELP IS AT HAND!

TWEET!

TWEET!

THROB!

WAAAH! GET THAT THING AWAY FROM ME!

I SHOULD'VE TOLD YOU, HE'S NOT TOO KEEN ON STRETCHERS AT THE MOMENT! HEH, HEH!

NERVOUS CHEESY SMIRK!

DRACULA DOBBS

IT'S A BIT NIPPY TONIGHT, FOLKS!

ROLAND'S SOUP KITCHEN

SHIVER!

WHAT DO **YOU** WANT?

KEEP CALM... I HAVE CASH!

DISBELIEF!

I'LL HAVE A LONG FRENCH STICK...

...AND ONE OF YOUR HOT POTATOES, PLEASE!

HOT SPUDS

I'LL JUST POP THE SPUD IN THIS END...

RED-HOT!

...AND IT BURNS ITS WAY RIGHT THROUGH! HOT STUFF, HUH?

Y..Y..YES!!

BURN!

SCREECH! GIBBER!

AS YOU CAN SEE, IT'S HOLLOW NOW, AND OF COURSE...

...IT MAKES A MEGA-STRAW... FOR ROLAND'S SOUP!

SLOOOOOOOOO!

AAAAAAAH!

BLISS!

AAAAAAAAGH! IT'S HOT!

NO, IT'S **CHILLI**... DOUBLE-STRENGTH!

OOOOOOOOOH!

HOT BLAST!

BUSINESS SURE HAS WARMED UP!

Chalky

I'm quick on the draw!

I HEARD A NOISE. BETTER PUT THE LIGHT ON!

I'LL PUT THE BITE ON!

AAAGGGHHH!

EEEK!

I'D BETTER GO AFTER HIM!

I HOPE NO-ONE SEES YOU LOOKING LIKE THAT!

IT'S CHALKY!

TYPICAL! OTHER PEOPLE JUST WALK IN THEIR SLEEP— HE **DRAWS** IN IT!

HE'S A SLEEP-CHALKER!

KEEP STILL— IT'S DANGEROUS TO WAKE HIM!

BUT...

GOTCHA!

HUH?

THE POLICE VAN'S HERE ALREADY—THAT WAS QUICK!

POLICE

COP 123

B-BUT I'M INNOCENT!

OOF!

THUNK!

THAT WAS JUST ANOTHER OF CHALKY'S DRAWINGS!

COP 123

IT'S MY SON— HE'S SLEEPWALKING!

BAH! I'M TAKING YOU BOTH IN!

NEXT DAY...

CHALKY IS THE FAMOUS BOY ARTIST IN "BUSTER," YOUR WORSHIP!

HIS FATHER'S A FINE ARTIST, TOO.

ME— A **FINE ARTIST?**

YES, I'M **FINING** YOU £50 FOR THE ART YOUR SON DID! HEH, HEH!

Mc.Hill.

CMM
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/ Buster

KIDS NATIONAL SWEET SURVEY

LOADSA SWEETS TO BE WON!



To all sweet-chomping readers:
Tell us what you think about the sweets you can buy in the shops with your pocket-money and the first 300 replies pulled from the survey bag will each receive a special bubble gum sweet package FREE!

SUPER PRIZE . . .
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*BOY: .....
*GIRL .....
AGE .....
(*tick)

What are your three favourite sweets?

1) .....
2) .....
3) .....

Put the following kinds of sweets in the order that you like them. (1 being the kind you like best and 12 being the kind you like least). Jellies - Chewing Gum – Bubble Gum – Marshmallows – Chews – Chocolates – Mints – Liquorice – Toffees – Lollipops – White chocolate – Hard sweets.

1	2	3	4 .....
5	6	7	8 .....
9	10	11	12 .....

Who is your favourite pop star? .....
Who is your favourite TV Cartoon Character? .....
What is your favourite flavour? .....
What is your favourite colour? .....
Which sweets do you think are the nastiest? .....
Which sweets are you not allowed to eat? .....
How much pocket-money do you have each week? .....
How much do you spend on sweets each week? .....
Where do you buy your sweets? (school/local shop/Supermarket etc) .....

SUPER PRIZE QUESTION . . .

Now, describe, **in no more then ten words,** your **dream sweet!** If you could have any sweet in the world made for you, what sort of sweets would you want it made out of?

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SPECKY HECTOR'S HISTORY OF COMICS!

Part 1: The EARLY YEARS!

RECKON HISTORY IS BORING? NOT THE HISTORY OF COMICS! OVER 100 YEARS OF FUN AND THRILLS — AND I'LL BE RUNNING THROUGH THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THOSE YEARS IN THIS OCCASIONAL SERIES OF FEATURES EXCLUSIVE TO BUSTER READERS!

YOUR HOST, SPECKY HECTOR (COMIC COLLECTOR)!

BUSTER HAS BEEN AROUND FOR THIRTY YEARS, BUT ALLY SLOPER CLAIMS TO BE BRITAIN'S OLDEST COMICS CHARACTER! LAZY ALLY FIRST APPEARED IN JUDY MAGAZINE IN 1867! A COLLECTION OF HIS STRIPS FROM THE MAGAZINE APPEARED IN 1873 — BRITAIN'S FIRST COMIC!

FUNNY FOLKS, LAUNCHED IN 1874, FEATURED SOME COMIC STRIPS, BUT COMIC CUTS WAS THE FIRST OF THE TRADITIONAL COMIC PAPERS. ISSUE ONE APPEARED 100 YEARS AGO, IN MAY 1890!



COMIC CUTS WAS SOON FOLLOWED BY A COMPANION TITLE CALLED ILLUSTRATED CHIPS! THE FORMAT OF EACH WAS A WEEKLY MIXTURE OF JOKES, TEXT STORIES, AND SHORT STRIPS, CRAMMED INTO EIGHT PAGES AND PRINTED ON COLOURED PAPER.

THE EARLY COMICS RARELY FEATURED ANY REGULAR CHARACTERS. THEN, IN 1896, THE CARTOONIST TOM BROWNE CREATED WEARY WILLIE AND TIRED TIM FOR CHIPS! THE TWO WANDERING TRAMPS BECAME SO POPULAR THAT THEY REMAINED AS THE COVER STARS OF CHIPS UNTIL THE LAST ISSUE IN 1953!

ANOTHER POPULAR FEATURE WITH ANCIENT CHIPS READERS WAS CASEY COURT! NOT A STRIP, BUT A LARGE, BUSY CARTOON EVERY WEEK. THE KIDS OF THIS EDWARDIAN BACKSTREET WERE NEVER STUCK FOR SOMETHING TO DO! THE EXAMPLE SHOWN ON THE RIGHT HAS THEM PREPARING FOR THE CORONATION OF KING EDWARD VII, IN 1902!

GETTING READY FOR CORONATION DAY IN CASEY COURT.

COMING SOON: PART TWO: COMICS OF WORLD WAR ONE!

The WINNERS

EVERYONE IS FOLLOWING THE "RACE AROUND THE WORLD" BETWEEN THE LOSER FAMILY AND THE WINNER FAMILY...

THOSE SPLENDID WINNERS ARE IN AUSTRALIA THIS WEEK, DENIS!

G'DAY, SPORTS! THE CONTESTANTS ARE RACING ON POGO STICKS IN HONOUR OF THE AUSTRALIAN KANGAROO!

WE'LL HAVE TO **HOP TO IT** IF WE'RE GOING TO BEAT THE LOSERS!

GROAN!

And they reckon humans are more intelligent than us!

BOING!

BOING!

BOING!

THEN...

TIME FOR A BIT OF CHEATING!

THIS WAY TO THE FINISH LINE, COBBERS!

BOOO!

HISS!

COME ON! IT'S THIS...

THIS WAY TO THE FINISH LINE, COBBERS!

BOING!

BOING!

...WAYYYAAAGGGHHH!

RAD! THAT DROP GAVE US EXTRA BOUNCE!

BOUNNNG!

CHUCKLE! THEY **FELL** FOR THAT ONE!

THERE'S THE FINISH LINE!

FINISH

BUT...

HUH?

THE LOSERS LOSE AND THE WINNERS WIN!

FINISH

THEY TRICKED US WITH THAT SIGN!

BUT WE ENDED UP **SPRINGING** THE BIGGEST SURPRISE! HAW, HAW!

JON AND SUZY IN ALADDIN'S LAMP DOUBLE TROUBLE

I WONDER IF TREASURE LURKS WITHIN?

A MAGIC LAMP!

RUB!

I AM THE GENIE OF THE LAMP! I GRANT YOU THREE WISHES!

YOUR NAME'S NOT JEANNIE, IT'S SUZY! STILL, NEVER MIND!

I WISH... I WISH I WAS FILTHY RICH!

WHOOOPH!

GROOO!

SORRY! I DIDN'T HEAR THE 'RICH' BIT!

YOU DAFT GENIE!

I WISH TO BE CLEANED UP!

GLUB!

TERRY BAVE

COME HERE, YOU...

YOU CAN'T TOUCH GENIES!

I WISH YOU WERE A "SOLID" GENIE!

I MUST OBEY!

GREAT FIGHT— I'M A 'GENIE-US'.

BIFF!

THUMP!

The Leopard from LIME ST.

BILLY FARMER, THE SCHOOLBOY WITH THE POWERS OF A FULLY-GROWN LEOPARD, HAD BEEN SEEN SETTING OFF ON A MISSION BY HIS COUSIN, KAREN, WHO WAS STAYING AT HIS HOUSE.

WHEN HE RETURNED, AFTER CAPTURING A GANG OF JEWEL-THIEVES, HE SAW KAREN CLIMBING UP TO HIS BEDROOM WINDOW...

IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE SHE SEES THAT MY ROOM IS **EMPTY!** THEN KAREN WILL GUESS THAT **BILLY FARMER** AND **THE LEOPARDMAN** ARE **THE SAME PERSON...**

...UNLESS I MOVE **FASTER** THAN I HAVE EVER DONE BEFORE!

KTHAK!

THE 'TALON' OF BILLY'S CLAW-CORD FASTENED AROUND THE BOTTOM RUNG OF THE LADDER!

CONFOUNDED LADDER MUST HAVE SLIPPED!

HAVING LANDED IN A FLOWER-BED, KAREN WAS MORE SHAKEN THAN HURT!

NEXT INSTANT...

AYEEEEEK! THE LADDER...

NOW TO HAUL IN MY CLAW-CORD BEFORE SHE REALISES WHAT'S HAPPENED!

OOO-OOOGH!

THWUMP!

BUT NOW BILLY WAS MOVING WITH ALL THE SPEED AND STEALTH OF A LEOPARD...

...OVER THE ROOF-TOPS...

...AND DOWN INTO HIS FRONT GARDEN!

GOOD THING I ALWAYS CARRY A FRONT-DOOR KEY!

I MIGHT JUST MAKE IT! I CAN HEAR HER CLIMBING THE LADDER AGAIN!

WITH ONLY SECONDS TO SPARE...

UUUUH? BILLY'S FAST ASLEEP! HE MUST HAVE BEEN THERE ALL THE TIME!

SNORRR!

BUT THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN WHAT ***THE LEOPARDMAN*** WAS DOING IN HIS ROOM! I'LL TELL AUNTY JOAN— *TOMORROW!*

BUT, THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

AUNTY JOAN, I...

IT'S *FANTASTIC!* I HAD A VISIT FROM ***THE LEOPARD-MAN*** LAST NIGHT!

HE'D JUST ROUNDED UP A GANG OF JEWEL-THIEVES, AND HE WANTED ME TO WRITE ABOUT IT IN THE SCHOOL MAGAZINE... TO CONVINCE EVERYONE THAT HE'S ***NOT*** A CROOK!

WH-WHAAAT?

OOOOHHH! TO THINK THAT CREATURE WAS ***INSIDE*** THIS HOUSE!

WELL, THAT ***PROVES*** HE ***ISN'T*** DANGEROUS BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL IN ONE PIECE!

I... I SUPPOSE SO! ER... ***WHAT*** WERE YOU GOING TO SAY TO ME, KAREN?

OH, NOTHING IMPORTANT!

HEH! HEH! I RECKON MY SECRET IS ***STILL*** SAFE!

Another 'Selbridge' super-bou adventure begins next week!

DOZY DEREK

I SAY, ALL SET FOR A JOLLY OLD SPIN IN THE JOLLY OLD 'PLANE, DEREK?

MEGA, UNCLE!

I'LL START THE JOLLY OLD PROP, YOU PACK OUR PARACHUTES!

ER . . . OKAY?

WE'RE UP! JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THE BREATH-TAKING VIEW DOWN THERE!

OOH, YEAH!

ERK! STAY IN YOUR SEAT!

G-GET BACK IN, YOU FOOL!

DUH!

NO! NO! *THAT'S MY PLACE!* **MIND THE CONTROLS!**

CLICK!

OOP!

MARK BENNINGTON

EEEEGGH! *YOU'VE SENT US INTO A DIVE.* **BALE OUT!**

EEEEOOOOW!

VOOOM!

PHEW! IT'S A GOOD THING I TOLD YOU TO PACK THESE PARACHUTES!

PARACHUTES?

TUG!

I THOUGHT YOU SAID 'PAIR OF SHOES'?!

AAGGH! *YOU BIRDBRAIN! WE'RE* **FINISHED!**

THERE'S NO NEED TO PANIC . . .

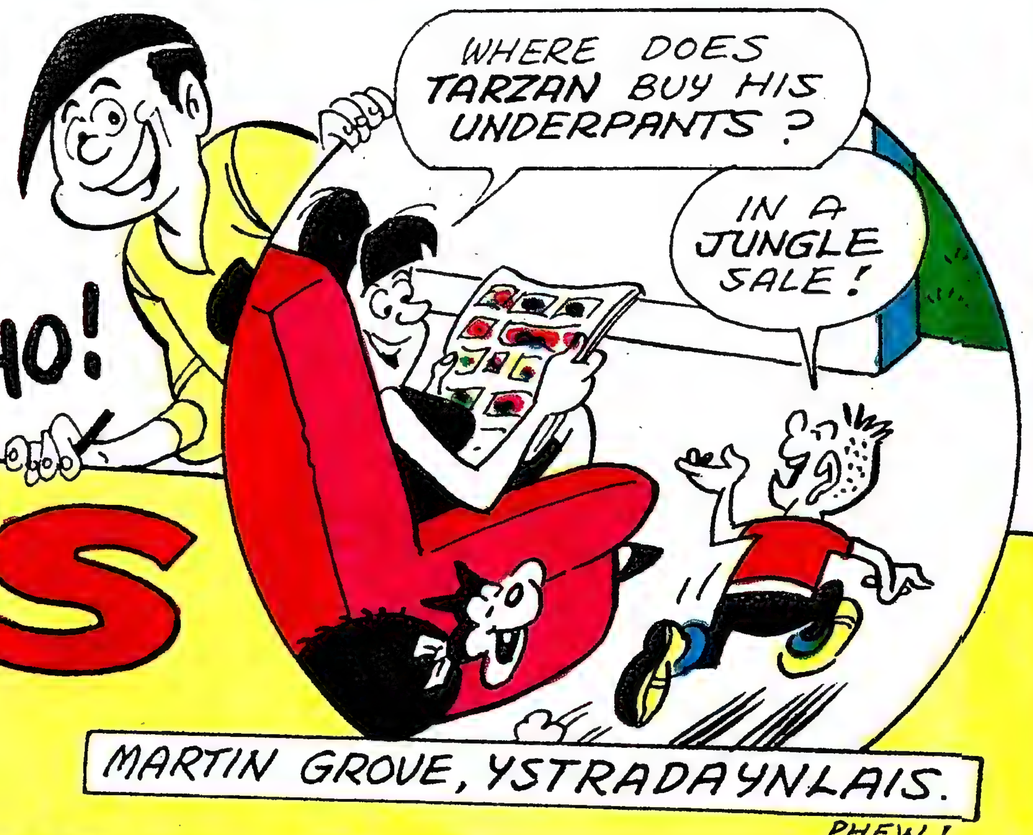
FLAP! FLAP!

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. . . BEING A BIRDBRAIN DOES HAVE IT'S ADVANTAGES! HEH-HEH!

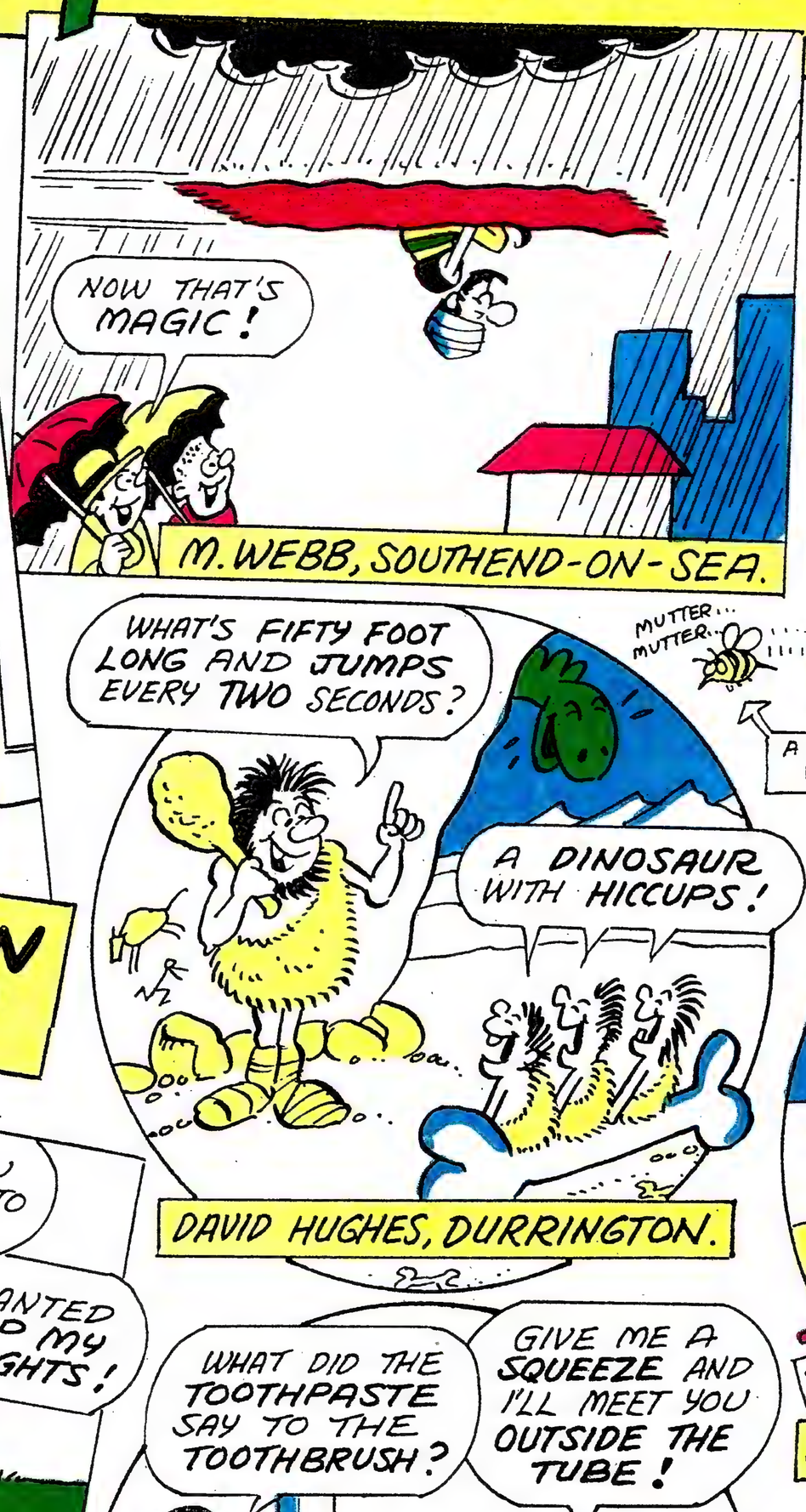
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CHALKY'S Joke pad!



MARTIN GROVE, YSTRADAYNLAIS.







Attach this to your joke

Features I like:

1.....

2.....

Features I hate:

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IVOR LOTT and TONY BROKE with MILLY O'NAIRE and PENNY LESS

I WISH THE BUS WOULD HURRY UP! I HATE WAITING!

NEVER MIND, TONY! SOMETHING WILL TURN UP SOON!

UGH! RIFF-RAFF WAITING TO GO ON A BUS WITH ALL SORTS OF OTHER COMMON PEOPLE!

GROAN! I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED THEY WOULD TURN UP!

I SUPPOSE YOU TWO NEVER TRAVEL ON A BUS?

CERTAINLY NOT! SIMPKINS!

WE TRAVEL BY PRIVATE LIMOUSINE!

OKAY, YOU CAN GIVE US A LIFT, THEN!

GROVELLY! THE ARRANGEMENT FOR TRANSPORTING RIFF-RAFF, PLEASE!

VERY GOOD, MASTER IVOR!

AND...

GRRR! HOW COULD THEY?

ONE HAS TO HAVE SOME PRIVACY, DOESN'T ONE?

SOON...

WHAT HAVE YOU BROUGHT US HERE FOR?

I THOUGHT WE MIGHT TAKE A LITTLE STROLL ALONG THE HARBOUR FOR THE SEA AIR!

SEA DOG!

HEY, THIS ISN'T PRIVATE! ANYBODY CAN COME HERE!

ER...

HE'S RIGHT!

...JEEVES, TAKE THIS MONEY AND BUY THE HARBOUR!

AS YOU SAY, MASTER IVOR!

PRIVATE

NOW GET RID OF THOSE TERRIBLE, LITTLE PEOPLE!

THANKS FOR THE IDEA, SCRUFF! NOW WE CAN MOOR OUR **PRIVATE** YACHTS AT OUR **PRIVATE** HARBOUR!

GROAN! IT WAS MY IDEA, TOO!

PRIVATE!

NO ADMITTANCE

THEN...

UMM... I'VE JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING!

WE'D BETTER BUY THE **ROAD**, TOO! KEEP IT **PRIVATE** AT ALL COSTS!

GAH! IT GETS WORSE AND WORSE!

PRIVATE ROAD!

PRIVATE!

PRIVA

AHA! THERE'S A PLACE THAT YOU **CAN'T** GO INTO! IT BELONGS TO SOMEBODY ELSE!

OH, YES?

STRICTLY PRIVATE! KEEP OUT!

THEY WON'T MIND WHEN THEY SEE **WHO** IT IS!

YES! THEY'LL BE **HONOURED** TO HAVE US ON THEIR LAND!

HALT! WHAT D'YOU TWO THINK YOU'RE DOING?

HUH?

THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE SPIES, BUT YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO CAREFUL! KEEP THEM IN CUSTODY WHILE I MAKE ENQUIRIES!

NOW, JUST A MINUTE...

HO, HO! YOU'VE CERTAINLY GOT IT **PRIVATE** THERE—**ARMY PRIVATE!**

HOWL! IT'S ALL A **MISTAKE!** LET US GO! WAIL!

PRIVATE JONES

PRIVATE JAMES

BUSTER'S PIN-BOARD, BUSTER COMIC, FLEETWAY PUBLICATIONS, P.O. BOX 164, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX, CM1 3XB.

Buster's Pin-board



GOT ANY DRAWINGS YOU'VE DONE - MESSAGES YOU'D LIKE SENT - RHYMES YOU'VE MADE UP - OR ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE ME TO SEE? DON'T BE SHY, SEND THEM IN, AND IF I PUT THEM UP ON MY PIN-BOARD, I'LL SEND YOU A £2 POSTAL ORDER IN RETURN!

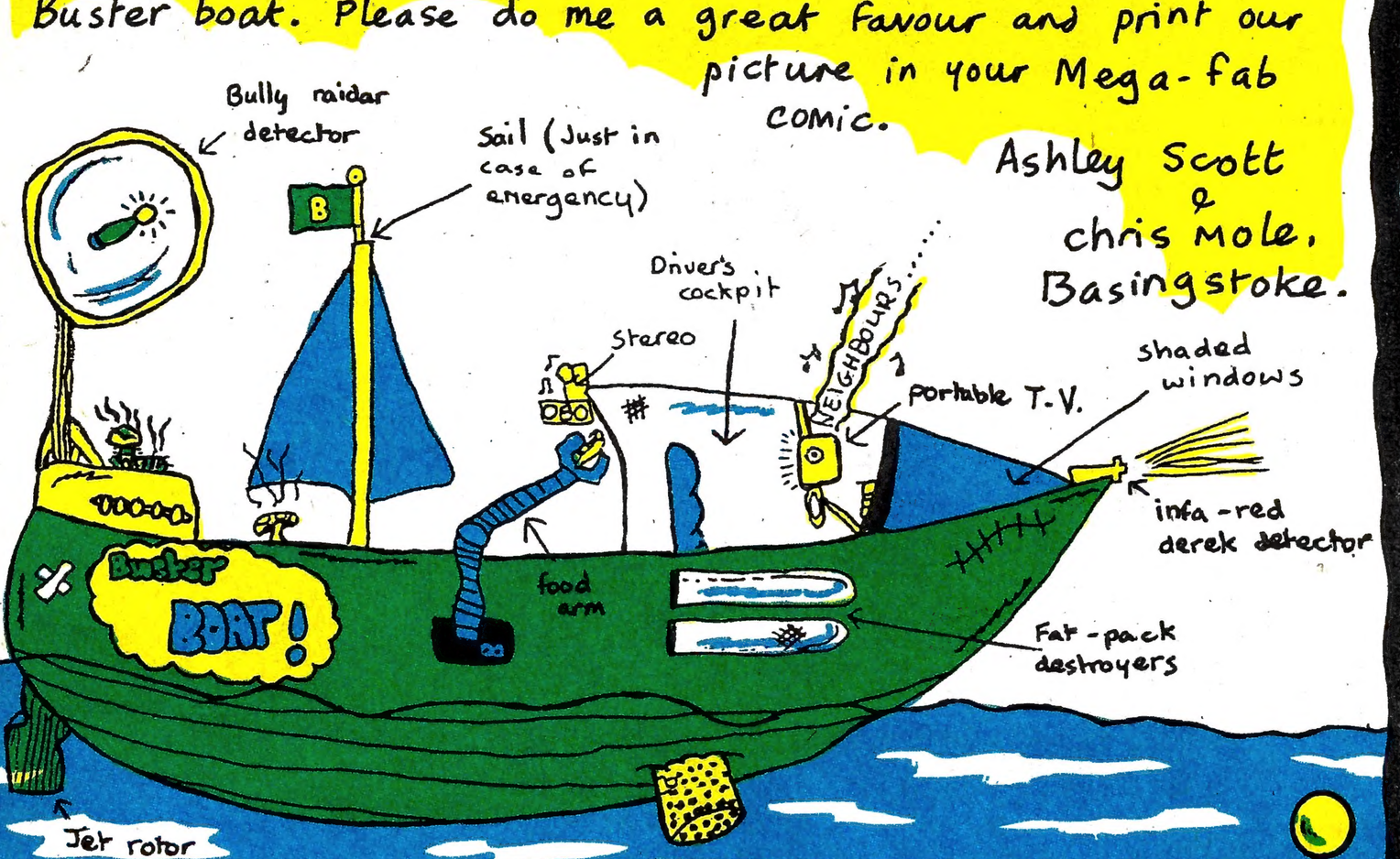
NASTY POEM!

Little Jack Horner
Sat in a corner,
Eating his Christmas pie.
He put in his thumb
And pulled out a plum,
A bit of banana peel,
a mouldy sock and
a dead beetle and said,
"That's the last time
I come to this
Restaurant!".

-from Thomas Morton,
Ballinderry.

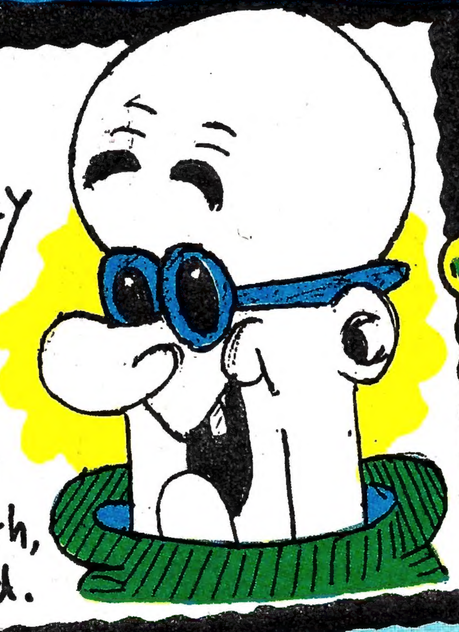
Dear Buster,
I was reading one of my old Busters, when I noticed that someone had drawn a picture of a Buster bike. That gave me an idea. My friend and I invented a Buster boat. Please do me a great favour and print our picture in your Mega-fab comic.

Ashley Scott & chris Mole.
Basingstoke.





VID KID
by Adam Quelch, ILFORD.



MAINLY BRAINSLY
by Martin Orton, Tamworth, England.

WELL DONE KIM
ON PASSING YOUR EXAMS
Love always Dad and Debbie xxxxxxx

Please fill in and send this coupon when you write to me.

The coolest pages in *BUSTER* are:
1. _____
2. _____
I think this is boring:
_____

NIGHTMARE ON ERM ST.

THEY MUST BE GOING ON A PICNIC—AND THEY DON'T WANT ME AROUND!

HAR! HAR! THEY DON'T SUSPECT THAT I'M WATCHING THEIR EVERY MOVE!

PARK

RUMBLE!

OI! WE NEED YOU, FREDDY!

OW! LEGGO!

WE'VE GOT A GIRLS' FOOTBALL MATCH TODAY! OUR GOALIE HASN'T TURNED UP, SO **YOU'RE** PLAYING!

HOW HAS THE FEARED NIGHT LURKER ENDED UP HERE?

GOAL!

WHOOOSH!

TRAMPLE!

BLOOTER!

SPLAT!

OOF! OOW! TRUST BRENDA BAGG TO BE PLAYING CENTRE-FORWARD!

IF WE LOSE IT'LL BE ALL YOUR FAULT!

KEEP YOUR HAIR ON! WE WON'T LOSE!

ALL THE BEST GOALIES WEAR GLOVES!

WE WON'T LOSE NOW! HUR, HUR!

BANG!

HISSSS

I DID WELL, GIRLS! **THEY** CAN'T PLAY FOOTBALL WITHOUT A BALL!

DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT, WIMPO! YOU'LL DO NICELY!

ARGH! NIGHTMARE! OWWL! OUCH!

BOK!

THIS'LL DO THE TRICK!

CAN'T YOU SEE THAT SIGN... NAME, PLEASE!

I SAID NAME PLEASE!!

I COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING — MY CHIN-STRAP WAS TOO TIGHT!

WHAT YOU NEED IS AN ELASTICATED STRAP!

MMM! VERY NICE!

VERY FUNNY... I DON'T THINK!

SMITH'S GLUES

OI! THAT'S MINE... GIVE IT HERE!

SPLUTT!!

BATH TIME FOR YOU!

NOW IT WON'T COME OFF AT ALL!

WHAT'S MORE, I CAN'T EVEN GET THE BIKE OFF!

I'VE COME TO A RIGHT STICKY END THIS WEEK!